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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Miss Helen B. Uhrich, President of the ATLA, submits the following report from the Executive Committee:

At the post-Conference meeting of the Executive Committee at Berkeley, it was decided to hold the Eleventh Annual Conference of the Association at Fort Worth, Texas, June 19-20-21, 1957, as guests of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian. This action confirmed the majority vote of the Association to accept this invitation.

This is not the first time the Association has been invited to come to Texas, but the first time it has been possible to accept. It was strategic and desirable to meet in Berkeley last year concurrently with the American Association of Theological Schools. We believe it was also profitable. Though it was a long trip, the attendance record was most encouraging, showing a total of eighty registrations. Of this total, sixteen were visitors; seven were Associate and fifty-seven Active Members, though, judging by the busy three days of the Conference and all the pre- and post-conference tours, all eighty were active. Forty of the members came from East of the Mississippi. Now, in accepting this invitation to come to Texas, we have before us the long-awaited pleasure to meet with our many friends and members in the Lone Star State and also to honor Dr. Elliott for his long and untiring efforts in behalf of our Association.

Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Vice-President, is preparing the program for next June and he will welcome any ideas or suggestions, including names of speakers, whether within the theological field or in the larger field of librarianship, workshop, panel or round-table suggestions, or other recommendations that the group cares to make that will help him in drawing up an interesting and useful program. Mr. Schmitt should be addressed at McCormick Theological Seminary, 2330 N. Halsted Street, Chicago 14, Illinois.

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An announcement has been received from Dr. Walter N. Roberts, President and Acting Executive Director of the American Association of Theological Schools, to the effect that Dr. Lewis J. Sherrill, Chairman of the Executive Committee of AATS, has re-appointed Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen, Lutheran Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, as the Representative of the American Association of Theological Schools to serve on the Executive Committee of the American Theological Library Association. We welcome Dr. Rasmussen to this appointment for the second year and express to him our appreciation for his services in this relation last year.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

The American Theological Library Association has been requested by the American Association of Theological Schools to revise the Selected Basic Reference Books, Periodicals and Check Sheets for Self-Study and Evaluation of Seminary Libraries, which was originally prepared by ATLA at the request of AATS.

Following the adoption of a set of Library Standards by AATS at its meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, June 10-11, 1952, our Association was requested "to develop further tools such as additional check lists of periodicals and of reference works," and "additional tools in the form of check sheets to be used both by seminaries seeking to improve their libraries and by a team in visiting a seminary for accrediting purposes." This request was carried out and the resulting documents were presented to the Executive Committee and the Commission on Accrediting of the American Association of Theological Schools in joint session on December 5, 1953, and approved and subsequently made available as an instrument of self-study for the improvement of theological libraries. The preparation of this Library Check List has been characterized by Dr. Walter N. Roberts as "one of the most commendable services rendered by the American Theological Library Association for theological education." It has gone through three editions (mimeographed) and more recently an additional 300 copies have been reprinted. In order that we do not let this Check List get "out of date" the request has come that it be revised and re-issued just prior to the Biennial Meeting of AATS in June, 1958.

This responsibility has been accepted by our Association, and a committee consisting of Miss Alice M. Dagan, Messers. Robert F. Beach, Connolly Gamble, Jules L. Moreau and Donn Michael Farris, Chairman, has been appointed to execute this assignment. Other resource people will be called on as needed. The implications of this request and the importance of this tool are obvious. Our contributions to the advancement of theological education through improvement of library holdings is of great concern to all of us, and we should accept this responsibility.

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A report on the Book Publishers' Exhibit held in connection with the Berkeley Conference reveals that fifty-three publishers participated, including eight from outside the United States, 614 volumes were exhibited, and $801.22 realized for the ATLA treasury. All three figures were the largest to date.

Our gratitude goes to Mr. Alec R. Allenson who carried on the Exhibit in spite of great physical difficulties, and to Mr. Fred. C. Becker, Sales Manager, Religious Books and Bibles, of Harper & Brothers, for his share in the handling of details. Appreciation also goes to Mr. Allenson's son, Robert, to Mr. Robert F. Beach, and Mr. J. Stillson Judah for their generous help and assistance at both ends of the continent.

A note from Mr. Allenson dated September 29 says, "We are all getting much better and are making good progress; exercises night and day take a lot of time. We are enjoying our new quarters in Naperville, maybe the Association can meet here some day."

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

It is a pleasure for your Executive Committee to announce the following appointments to the Standing Committees, for 1956-1957:

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

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Representative

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Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt has been appointed ATLA Representative on the ALA Council, replacing our former Representative, Mr. Arthur Swann, who has recently left Chicago.

Dr. Frank M. Vanderhoof will continue to serve as the Representative of ATLA on the ALA Committee on Reprinting and as Consultant in the field of Religion for this Committee. Dr. Vanderhoof's special assignment is to assist in gathering titles in religion which are likely candidates for re-printing.

The Reverend Charles P. Johnson, B.A., M.R.E., Th.D., of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, represented the American Theological Library Association at the formal inauguration of Dr. Paul T. Losh as the fifth President of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas, on November 16, 1956. Dr. Johnson is Associate Professor and Reference Librarian at the Fleming Library and is probably our newest member. We are delighted that his first official duty was to represent us on this occasion.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT - Continued

We welcome the following new members into the ATLA:

Active

Miss Christine L. Buder, Librarian, Christian Board of Education (Bethany Press), 2640 Pine Boulevard, P. O. Box 179, St. Louis 3, Missouri

Mr. Thomas Edward Camp, Circulation Librarian, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas 5, Texas

Mr. A. J. Hyatt, Librarian, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, 1908 Addison Street, Berkeley 4, California

The Reverend Charles P. Johnson, Reference Librarian, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth 5, Texas

Mr. Nobel V. Sack, Librarian, Western Evangelical Seminary, 4200 S. E. Jennings, Portland 22, Oregon

The Reverend Albert J. Shandrick, Librarian, Central Lutheran Theological Seminary, Fremont, Nebraska

Miss Claire B. Shetter, Boston University School of Theology Library, 745 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts

Associate

Mrs. Geneva Bittleston, Librarian, Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, Idaho

Dr. Burton L. Goddard, Dean, Gordon Divinity School, Beverly Farms, Massachusetts

The Reverend W. Charles Heiser, S.J., Librarian, St. Mary's College, Divinity School of St. Louis University, St. Mary's, Kansas

Mrs. Ruth Kendrick, Librarian, St. Margaret's House, 1820 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California

Mr. Keith C. Lee, 1421 W. 28th Street, Los Angeles 7, California; Korean minister, working on M.S. in L.S. at Immaculate Heart College, Los Angeles

Miss Anne Fiske Sturtevant, Head, Education, Philosophy, Religion Department, Free Library of Philadelphia, Logan Square, Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

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The Executive Committee wishes to thank on behalf of the ATLA membership the Chicago area librarians who prepared the ten-year index to the ATLA Proceedings which was included in the recently published tenth volume: Miss Alice Dagan, Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary; Miss Betty Jane Highfield, North Park College and Theological Seminary; Dr. Lucy Markley, Garrett Biblical Institute; Mr. Jules Moreau, Seabury-Western Theological Seminary; Miss Alice Murphy, Miss Annabel Smith and Mr. Arthur W. Swann, Garrett Biblical Institute; and Dr. Frank M. Vanderhoof, University of Chicago Divinity School.

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The Executive Committee will meet in Chicago, February 1-2, 1957. Any member of ATLA having any matter to lay before the Committee should communicate with the President or Secretary before that date.

ALFRED KILBOURNE HANMER, JR.

Alfred Kilbourne Hanmer, Jr., cataloger at the General Theological Seminary in New York City and a member of the ATLA, died by hanging in a freak accident on September 8 or 9. Mr. Hanmer was found dead in his apartment on the morning of September 10. He was twenty-seven years old.

Although police originally considered the possibility of murder or suicide in the case, their final ruling was that Mr. Hanmer died accidentally while performing an experiment in hanging. He was known to have been interested in this method of execution for a number of years. Apparently, he had planned an experiment which he hoped would allow him to experience some of the sensations of hanging without any permanent ill effects, but lost consciousness before he could terminate the experiment safely.

Mr. Hanmer was born in Hartford, Connecticut. He was a graduate of Hamilton College in Clinton, New York, and received a Master of Science degree in Library Service from Columbia University in 1955. He had been on the staff of the General Theological Seminary Library since 1951. He was an acolyte and active member of the Church of St. Mary the Virgin in New York City.

MONTHLY CARD SERVICE ON DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS IN CATHOLIC THEOLOGY, CANON LAW AND PHILOSOPHY

In December, 1955, the Catholic University of America Library, operating in conjunction with The Catholic University of America Press, began a monthly card service for Catholic titles received under the Farmington Plan for the cooperative acquisition of foreign research materials. Farmington Plan, however, by definition has excluded doctoral dissertations. It has long been evident that many substantial contributions in the field of Catholic scholarship have emanated from foreign universities, such as the University of Louvain, the Gregoriana, the Angelicum, etc., in Europe, and in the United States from The Catholic University of America and St. Mary of the Lake Seminary at Mundelein. With respect to American imprints, it may also be noted that the specialized nature of doctoral dissertations has usually excluded them from the weekly card list of Catholic titles, also prepared by The Catholic University of America Library.

It is now proposed that a third card service be established, limiting itself to doctoral dissertations in the fields of Theology (and related subjects, of course, such as Church History), Canon Law, and Philosophy and covering those titles received by the University Library in its international and national exchange program. Probably the practice would be to issue these cards on a monthly basis; but obviously, because of the differing rate of publication, it could not be stated that the monthly supply would be as regular as in the case of the Farmington cards, of which approximately 50 a month are issued for a total of around 600 a year at the present rate of production.

Further information regarding this new card service may be secured from The Catholic University of America Press, 620 Michigan Avenue, N.E., Washington 17, D. C.

LOCAL GROUPS MEET

The theological librarians of the Greater Boston Area met on Monday evening, October 29, at the General Theological Library in Boston. Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, Librarian of the Boston University School of Theology, reported on the Tenth Annual Conference of the ATLA in Berkeley and the Reverend John T. Golding, President of the General Theological Library Board, spoke on "Contributions of Theological Librarians." About twenty-five members were present.

The Librarians in Religious Libraries of the New York Area met on Wednesday evening, November 14, at the American Bible Society. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, the American Bible Society Secretary for Translations, spoke to the group and Miss Margaret T. Hills, the hostess, took the members on a tour of the Society's Library.

DEAN TAYLOR IS FIRST AATS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Charles L. Taylor, Dean of the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, has accepted the call to become the first full-time Executive Director of the American Association of Theological Schools. Dean Taylor did his undergraduate work at Williams College and his Master's work at Oxford University; his B. D. work was done at the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge. He holds a Master's and a Doctor's degree from Harvard University. He has been Professor of Old Testament at the Episcopal Theological School since 1925 and in more recent years has also been Dean of the School. He has been a member of the Executive Committee and the Commission on Accrediting of the American Association of Theological Schools for several years. During the past two years he has served as President of the organization.

Since Dean Taylor finds it impossible to be released from his position at Cambridge before January 1, 1957, the Executive Committee of the AATS has asked Dr. Walter N. Roberts, President of the United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, to serve as Acting Executive Director until December 31, 1956. He has been serving as Executive Secretary of the Association for the past two years.

CHURCH HISTORICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY MOVED

The Library of the Church Historical Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. has been moved from Philadelphia to the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. Mr. Frederick L. Chenery, Librarian of the Seminary, is serving temporarily as Librarian of the Historical Society; but it is anticipated that eventually a full-time archivist will be secured to administer and develop the collection.

WEIMAR EDITION OF LUTHER'S WORKS TO BE REPRINTED

The Weimar edition of Luther's works is out of print and only very occasionally becomes available in the second-hand catalogs. For that reason a re-issue by electro process is contemplated for the first fifty-four volumes. The subsequent volumes are in print. For the volumes re-issued at any point where a note is required a star will be marked on the margin. The corresponding notes will be gathered together and inserted as an appendix in each volume and all of these appendices will be assembled into a volume for the benefit of those who already have the set. The hope is to bring out four volumes a year. The price is not yet definitely determined because the work will be done in the East Zone of Germany and currency discrepancies have to be worked out, but one can assume approximately a price of ten dollars a volume. The undertaking is contingent on the assumption of a certain number of sales. Prospective purchasers are not being asked at this time definitely to subscribe, but only to indicate an intention. Those so minded are requested to signify their purpose to Professor Roland H. Bainton, Yale Divinity School, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

For information concerning the progress of the publication of the original edition of the Weimar, Newsletter readers may refer to Professor John Dillenberger's survey article, "Literature in Luther Studies, 1950-1955" in the June, 1956, issue of Church History (pp. 160-177). For a sketch of the history of the Weimar edition to the year 1950, readers may refer to R. Jauernig's article, "The Weimer Edition of Luther's Works" in the February, 1951, issue of the Lutheran Quarterly (pp. 70-78).

NEW ATLA PERIODICAL INDEX AVAILABLE

The Index to Religious Periodical Literature, 1953-1954, edited by Mrs. Pamela Quiers and published by the American Theological Library Association, is now obtainable through the American Library Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. The price is $7.50.

SECOND VOLUME OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION REPORT APPEARS

The second part of the report of The Study of Theological Education in the United States and Canada appeared earlier this month. It is entitled The Ministry in Historical Perspective, and was edited by H. Richard Niebuhr and Daniel Day Williams. Harper & Brothers in New York is publishing the volume at $3.75.

The Study of Theological Education in the United States and Canada is under the direction of Professor H. Richard Niebuhr of the Yale Divinity School faculty and was made possible by a financial grant by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. The first section of the report of the Study was published by Harper earlier this year as The Purpose of the Church and Its Ministry; Reflections on the Aims of Theological Education, by Dr. Niebuhr in collaboration with Dr. Williams and Dr. James F. Gustafson.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

Mr. Oscar Burdick has been appointed to the staff of the Charles Holbrook Library at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. A graduate of Milton College in 1950, Mr. Burdick attended the Pacific School of Religion and received his B.D. degree from the Alfred University School of Theology in 1953. While fulfilling his duties at the Holbrook Library, he will also be working toward a degree in library science at the University of California.

Miss Louise Conn retired from the staff of the Louisville Presbyterian Seminary Library in Louisville, Kentucky, on September 1, after twenty-eight years of service. Mrs. Annie Bee Lampe has joined the staff as Miss Conn's successor.

Dr. Leo T. Crismon, Librarian of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, completed the requirements for the degree of Master of Science in Library Service at Columbia University during the 1956 summer session.

Mrs. Joan Crowley has joined the staff of the Charles Holbrook Library at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California. She received her B.A. degree from MacAlister College in 1953 and her M.S. degree in library science from the University of Southern California in June, 1956.

The Reverend Herbert Dorn is the new Assistant Librarian of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri. His work is primarily in the areas of audio-visual aids and micro-reproduction; and he will also assist in the establishment of a cataloging center for the libraries of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod seminaries in the church's foreign mission fields.

The Reverend George Brinkmann Ehlhardt, Librarian at the Theological Seminary of the University of Dubuque in Dubuque, Iowa, has been named Chairman of the Friends of the Library for the University of Serampore in Serampore, India. Mr. Ehlhardt will organize a unit in the United States to strengthen and enlarge the library of the Indian university.

Dr. Burton L. Goddard, Dean of the Gordon Divinity School in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts, and an Associate Member of the ATLA, is on a partial sabbatical leave this year and is taking work leading to the Master of Science in Library Science degree at Simmons College in Boston.

Miss Doralyn Hickey resigned her position as Assistant Librarian of the Duke University Divinity School Library in Durham, North Carolina, on August 31. She is now a student in the Graduate School of Library Service at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, where she expects to receive an M.S. degree next spring. Miss Hickey had held her position in the Duke Divinity School Library since July, 1954.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS - Continued

Mr. John B. McTaggart resigned his position as Assistant Librarian of Union Theological Seminary in New York City on September 1 to become Librarian of the Berkeley Baptist Divinity School in Berkeley, California.

Mr. A. Stan Rescoe, a member of the faculty of the Library School at the George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville, Tennessee, and an Associate Member of the ATLA, has just published Technical Processes Simplified. This manual interprets existing rules and current trends for cataloging and classification of books and non-book material and illustrates each rule with a card form. The volume is published by the George Peabody College for Teachers Library School and is priced at $3.00.

Mr. William M. Robarts became Assistant Librarian of Union Theological Seminary in New York City on September 1. Mr. Robarts is a graduate of Maryville College and comes to his new position after four years of service on the staff of the Columbia University Library.

Miss Claire Shetter has joined the staff of the Boston University School of Theology Library. She was formerly Assistant Librarian of the Charles Holbrook Library at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California.

Mr. Robert W. Sillen, Librarian of the Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, is Editor of the Bay State Librarian, the quarterly of the Massachusetts Library Association.

The Reverend Arthur W. Swann became the Director of the Plymouth-Campbell Foundation at the University of Arizona in Tuscon on September 1. The Plymouth-Campbell Foundation is the combined student work program of the two Congregational and three Disciples churches in Tuscon. He will also serve as Director of Church School and Youth Activities in the First Congregational Church. For the past five years, Mr. Swann has been Librarian of Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois.

PIERSON PLEADS

Mr. Roscoe Pierson, Librarian of the College of the Bible in Lexington, Kentucky, is preparing a bibliography of the published histories of the Protestant theological seminaries in the United States. Mr. Pierson, in his customary impassioned manner, exhorts the librarians of seminaries that have published their histories to convey the information and bibliographical descriptions of such works to him at an early date. He may be addressed at the Bosworth Memorial Library, The College of the Bible, Lexington, Kentucky.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY RECEIVES LEETE LIBRARY

The Methodist Historical Library, Incorporated, the collection of Methodist materials of all kinds assembled by Bishop Frederick DeLand Leete, has been presented to Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, by Bishop Leete and the Trustees of the Library. The collection is to be housed in the Bridwell Library of the Perkins School of Theology of which Mr. Decherd Turner, Jr. is the Librarian.

In addition to the more than 3,000 volumes in Bishop Leete's library there are more than ninety manuscript and signed letters of John Wesley, letters of Charles Wesley, and correspondence of Jabez Bunting, Thomas Coke, William Wilberforce, Adam Clarke and Lady Selina, Countess of Huntingdon. Other unique and valuable sections of the collection include thirty portfolios containing life sketches, autobiographies and correspondence of the 250 Bishops mentioned in Bishop Leete's volume, Methodist Bishops; the Disciplinary Collection consisting of 400 Disciplines from all branches of the Methodist Church; the "Bishops" Collection of books by and about Methodist Bishops; and the collection concerning Methodist missions - both home and foreign.

For a more extended description of the contents of the library and many of its unusual items, Newsletter readers may refer to the article entitled "The Romance of Methodism: The Methodist Historical Library, Inc." by Mrs. John H. Warnick in the Fall, 1956, number of the Perkins School of Theology Journal (pp. 17-21).

REQUESTS FROM COMMITTEES

The Committee on Revision of the Constitution will appreciate suggestions and comments on the drafts of the Constitution under consideration. The drafts have been published in the Proceedings. Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Chairman of the Committee, asks that any suggestions regarding corrections, alterations or additions be sent to him at the earliest possible time. Dr. Morris should be addressed at the Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

Your Periodicals Exchange Committee would welcome suggestions you may have for furthering our exchange program this year. Will you please send us additional titles which you would like to see included in a supplementary list of titles. May we suggest that you re-read the report of the Periodicals Exchange Committee in the 1956 Proceedings, p. 65? Communications should be addressed to Miss Susan Schultz, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky.

The ATLA Newsletter Committee reminds the membership that comments and suggestions regarding the Newsletter are always welcome and may be sent either to the editor at the address on the Newsletter masthead or to the Chairman of the Committee, Miss Elizabeth Balz, Evangelical Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus 9, Ohio. The contribution of news items to the editor is encouraged to make the news coverage comprehensive; and professional articles will always be considered for publication.

NEW PERIODICALS

A fortnightly periodical, Christianity Today, began publication on October 15, 1956. Carl F. H. Henry is the editor. Others on the editorial staff are J. Marcellius Kik, L. Nelson Bell, Larry Ward and George Burnham. The editors describe the aim of Christianity Today as providing a voice with which evangelical Christianity can "speak with conviction and love, and . . . state its true position and its relevance to the world crisis." It will seek to stress the impact of evangelism on life and to encourage it, to apply the biblical revelation to the contemporary social crisis, to counteract the dissolving effect of modern scientific theory upon religion by setting forth the unity of the Divine revelation in nature and scripture, to supplement seminary training with sermonic helps, pastoral advice and book reviews, and will seek to provide a comprehensive and relevant view of religious movements and life throughout the world.

Subscription rates are: one year, $5; two years, $8; three years, $10. Single copies are .25. The publisher is Today's Publications, Inc., 1014 Washington Building, Washington 5, D. C.

The Christian Advocate, published for 130 years by the Methodist Church, has been replaced by two new periodicals by action of the General Conference. Both will be issued monthly.

Together is designed for family reading. Its editorial approach is described by the Publishing Agents of the Methodist Church as one "somewhat comparable to that used by Christ, who taught eternal truths through parables about people." The editor is Leland D. Case. Subscriptions are $3 a year and should be addressed to the Business Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinois. The first issue is dated October-November, 1956.

The New Christian Advocate is for the Methodist pastor. It seeks to offer him practical help in achieving a well-rounded ministry and to assist him with his tasks of preaching, leading worship, evangelistic and personal visitation, counseling, teaching and church administration. T. Otto Nall is the editor. Subscriptions are $3 a year. Single copies are .25. Orders should be directed to the Business Department, 740 Rush Street, Chicago 11, Illinoos. Vol. 1, No. 1 is dated October, 1956.

The first issue of Zeitschrift für Evangelische Ethik, a bi-monthly publication, will appear in January of 1957. The editors include K. von Bismarck (Viligst), K. Karrenberg (Velbert), H. van Oyen (Basel), W. Schweitzer (Bethel), H. Thielicke (Hamburg), and H. D. Wendland (Munster). Contents are to consist of studies, commentary and documents; and the point of view is to be ecumenical. Some of the articles to appear in the January issue are: "Gibt es eine evangelische Ethik der Grenzfälle?" by H. van Oyen; "Kirche und Gemeinde in soziologischer Sicht" by K. von Bismarck; "Der demokratische Staat und die intermediären Kräfte" by U. Schuener; "Das Rassenproblem in den USA" by Reinhold Niebuhr; and "Zur katholischen Kritik am Evangelischen Soziallexikon" by F. Karrenberg.

The publisher is the Carl Bertelsmann Verlag für Evangelische Theologie, Postfach 643, Gutersloh, Westfalen, Germany. The single copy price will be 3.60 DM; but by subscription the cost will be only 3 DM an issue. A sample copy of the first issue may be ordered from the publisher for 1 DM.

NEW PERIODICALS - Continued

Vol. 1, No. 1 of The Methodist Reporter appeared on October 9, 1956. The initial issue contained four pages and was sub-titled "A private news service for the professional leadership of the Methodist Church." It is to be published weekly. The editors describe its purpose as threefold: "to disseminate throughout the church, as quickly as possible, Methodist news of national significance; to interpret Methodist actions, giving background information which helps our professional leadership see the goals and trends of our denomination; and to report and comment on Methodist progress in such vital issues as alcohol control, race relations, political affairs and the like." Subscription rates are: six months, $3; one year, $5; two years, $8.50; three years, $10. Orders should be sent to Source Publishers, Box 485, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

Following the appearance of a multilithed experimental issue in January, 1956, and a printed experimental issue in May, 1956, New Testament Abstracts began regular publication in October with the Fall, 1956, number. This issue contains over 200 abstracts of articles from eighty periodicals in seven languages. The editor, John J. Collins, S.J., says, "Each issue will contain the essence of important articles and reviews appearing in Protestant, Catholic and Jewish biblical journals. These abstracts are not critical reviews; rather, they are impersonal and neutral condensations of the original content of the author." The subscription price for three issues (Fall, Winter, and Spring) is $3. Publication offices are at Weston College, Weston 93, Massachusetts.

BRITISH UNION CATALOGUE OF PERIODICALS

The first of the four volumes that will eventually constitute the British Union Catalogue of Periodicals has recently been published. BUCOP will list in alphabetical sequence over 140,000 serial publications and will record the holdings of these serials in 440 libraries in Great Britain. The term "periodicals" in the title is used in a very broad sense. Actually BUCOP's scope is even broader than that of its American counterpart, the Union List of Serials, including as it does the publications of international conferences, official publications that are not purely administrative in character, and certain other minor categories excluded from the ULS. No single American union list is as comprehensive as BUCOP; however, the comparable standard American lists, taken together, are more comprehensive in their coverage of titles. There is a considerable area of nonduplication of titles between BUCOP and the American lists.

BUCOP is the product of sixteen years of labor directed by the Council of the British Union-Catalogue of Periodicals, a group of representatives of library associations similar to the Joint Committee on the Union List of Serials. Its present chairman is C. B. Oldham. The first editor, Theodore Besterman, was succeeded by the late Alfred Loewenberg. The work has been brought to its distinguished conclusion by James D. Stewart.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Autsin, Texas, opened its new library on October 22. The building is three stories in height and contains approximately 19,800 square feet of floor space. The furnishings have been supplied by the Library Bureau. Mr. Frederick L. Chenery, Librarian, reports that the new building includes a number of features which he believes to be unique and that in time he hopes to have pictures of some of these to distribute to those who are interested.

The Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, moved into its new Ira J. Taylor Library earlier this fall, and open house was held on November 4. The three-story structure cost approximately $250,000. Dr. Martin Rist is the Librarian.

The New-Church Theological School Library in Cambridge, Massachusetts, has recently renovated its reference and reading room and increased its shelf space in this room by fifty percent.

During the past summer the Temple University School of Theology in Philadelphia separated the University's collection of theological books from the general book collection in the University Library. The theological collection is now housed for the first time in the Theology Building.

Union Theological Seminary in New York City recently completed the air-conditioning of its Library. The area included consists of five floors of stacks, all reading rooms and all work areas. The air-conditioning of the stacks has also made possible the installation of eighty-five carrels on the top three floors for the use of graduate students.

EARLY REFORMED LITURGIES APPEARING

The October, 1956, issue of the Bulletin (quarterly) of the theological Seminary of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, carried the first of a new series of introductions to and translations of sixteenth-century liturgies in the Reformed tradition. The series is being prepared by Professor D. Bard Thompson of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. According to the translator, none of the texts has appeared before in English.

The first item to appear was Professor Thompson's introduction to Zwingli's Communion Liturgy of 1525. This will be followed in the January, 1957, issue of the Bulletin by a translation of this liturgy. Other translations to follow in the series include Bucer's Strassburg Liturgy of 1539, Calvin's Genevan Liturgy of 1542, a Lasco's London Liturgy of 1550 and the Palatinate Liturgy of 1562.

Subscriptions to the Bulletin are $1.00 a year. Single copies are .35 each. Orders should be directed to Mr. Lee J. Gable, Business Manager, 521 West James Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

YALE DIVINITY LIBRARY OFFERS BOOKS BY DR. MOTT

Remainders from the personal library of Dr. John R. Mott are available on request from the Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut. Items will be sent postpaid and orders will be filled in the order of receipt and as long as the supply lasts. The titles (which are available in quantity) are:

By John R. Mott:

The Outlook in the Moslem World
Lessons I Have Learned in over Fifty Years of Helping to Establish National and World-Wide Movements
Evangelism for Our Day
WB 23 —Evangelism for the World Today
NM —— Five Decades and a Forward View
WB23 —The Larger Evangelism
Leadership of the Constructive Forces of the World
MH4 —Methodists United for Action
The Present-Day Summons of the World Mission of Christianity
NE —The Present World Situation
WL3 —The World's Student Christian Federation

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H — Mathews, Basil. John R. Mott, World Citizen
Porter, David R., ed. The Life Work of George Irving
Rouse, Ruth. John R. Mott
KG Zankov, Stefan. The Eastern Orthodox Church

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC FILE OFFERED

The Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary has an almost complete run of the National Geographic Magazine from 1925 through 1954 which it wishes to dispose of before the end of the year. The file may be secured by any interested library for the cost of shipping it. Communications should be addressed to Mrs. S. J. Hansen, Assistant Librarian, Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary, 116 East 22nd Street, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

POSITION OPEN

The position of cataloger for the Southern California School of Theology is now open. This is a Methodist seminary, formerly the Graduate School of Religion of the University of Southern California. The school, located adjacent to the University, is to move to a new campus in Claremont, California, next year. The position offers a challenging future and a good salary. Qualifications as follows: Young man with library science degree, experience in cataloging, and acquaintance with religious literature. Interested persons should write to Mr. Elton E. Shell, 817 West 34th Street, Los Angeles 7, California.